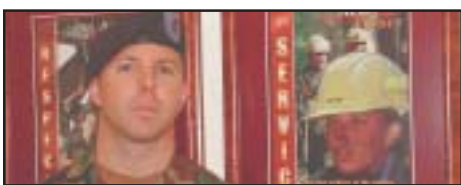


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Racquet master

All Army racquetball player competes at intense level in his favorite sport. - B2

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Scout reports

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Holiday gate hours

The Main Gate and East Gate will be open this holiday weekend during regularly scheduled hours.

Neither gate will be closed, as previously announced. For more information, call Tom Borer at 533-3443.

Commissary schedule

The Commissary will be open Tuesday after Presidents Day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, call Judy Mendez at 533-5540, extension, 3101.

ASMC luncheon

Norm Warden, United Tax, will address the Cochise Chapter of American Society of Military Comptrollers Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at La Hacienda.

He will address changes to the tax laws resulting from the Tax Acts of 2001 and 2002. Cost for the buffet lunch is \$9 for ASMC members and \$10 for non-members.

To make reservations and purchase tickets, ASMC members and guests should contact organizational representatives or buy them at the door.

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Linda Guinter at 456-2961.

Special Forces recruiting team

The Special Forces Recruiting Team will be at Fort Huachuca Tuesday through Feb. 21.

Briefings are open to all males of any rank and military occupational specialty. Briefings will be held at Murr Community Center at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. daily, with late briefs at 6 p.m. on the Wednesday and Thursday.

For more information, call Rosalie Monge at 533-1503.

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Shadow 200 unmanned aerial vehicle crashed Friday

BY TANJA LINTON
MEDIA RELATIONS OFFICER

A Shadow 200 unmanned aerial vehicle experienced engine failure and crashed 50 feet south of the Rugge-Hamilton runway Friday.

The UAV was destroyed in the accident. The initial estimate of damage is less than \$500,000.

The vehicle was recovered and a minor fuel spill was immediately contained.

An accident investigation board has been convened to determine the cause of the crash.

The Shadow UAV instructor training program here has been suspended until the cause of the accident can be determined.



Shadow 200 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

Wing Span	13 feet
Weight	350 lbs
Range	125 km (200 km obj)
Airspeed	(70 kt loiter, 105 kt dash)
Altitude	14,000 Ft
Endurance	4 Hours at 50 km
Primary Payload (s)	EO/IR (up to 60 lb)
Launch/Recovery	100m x 50m Area

Pentagon has new strategy for monitoring deployment health care

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS DOUG SAMPLE
AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

The Defense Department has changed the way it will track and assess the health care given military personnel before, during and after deployments, a senior Pentagon health official said today.

DoD's new strategy emphasizes health care surveillance of deployed personnel, said Dr. Michael Kilpatrick, deputy director, Deployment Health Support Directorate, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Health Protection and Readiness.

Officials, he said, want no repeat of 1991 Gulf War health care problems, referring to widespread instances reported of deployed personnel returning home with incomplete and poorly maintained medical records and improperly monitored illnesses.

Kilpatrick said DoD is concerned with taking care of the health of its military personnel and their families. "To do that optimally, we need to provide preventive care," he said. "And if a service member becomes ill or is injured, we need to provide treatment for them."

After a deployment, he added, personnel need to know that the Department of Defense will provide them with care for any

medical problem they may develop.

This Force Health Protection strategy is designed to help the department track service members' diseases and injuries and to provide them comprehensive follow-up treatment for deployment-related health conditions, he said.

Kilpatrick directs the DoD effort to protect the health of deployed service members. He noted there was no unique screening being done prior to deployment during the Gulf War. "If you were on active duty, you were generally assumed to be deployable," he said.

Now, he said, the Defense Department plans to see that force health is closely monitored through a series of medical assessments before and after deployment and that health concerns are documented and closely monitored.

Kilpatrick said the pre- and post-deployment health assessment is a brief series of questions that look to see if troops are physically and psychologically prepared to deploy.

The forms can be found on DoD's deployment Web site at www.deploymentlink.osd.mil.

"(The assessment is) an opportunity for them to bring up any medical conditions that

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Course preps intel soldiers to support war on terrorism

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS
DONALD SPARKS
NCOIC, USAIC&FH PAO

When Brig. Gen. John Custer, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca acting commander, returned from the Guantanamo Bay Naval Station in Cuba last November he concluded the military intelligence soldiers on the ground needed to be better equipped to gather information.

After briefing Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld on the limited training the intel soldiers had obtaining critical information from al-Qaida, the Intelligence Center devised a new course to help support the global war on terrorism.

The Intelligence Support to Counter Terrorism course kicked off Jan. 27 to specifically train the next rotation of National Guard and Reserve military intelligence soldiers heading to Guantanamo.

"The significance of this course is that we have a different threat now and it's based on the global war on terrorism," said Col. James

"Most of these soldiers are Christians and know nothing about the Muslim religion. And they know nothing about terrorism and why a person turns into a terrorist."

Stephen McFarland,
Intelligence Support to Counter Terrorism
trainer developer/instructor

Slavin, commander, 112th Military Intelligence Brigade. "The Intelligence Support to Counter Terrorism course's curriculum is the first phase we're doing."

"This is the initial pilot program and it's focused on supporting Joint Task Force-Guantanamo and the operation against the detainees there from Afghanistan."

Slavin mentioned the three-week course is based upon some shortcomings Custer identified at the camp holding al-Qaida detainees.

Because many of MI analysts and human intelligence collectors weren't properly trained on this particular threat, it was imperative to design the course to prep intel soldiers heading to Guantanamo.

"So we went and took the lessons learned from the folks who are in there now who had never had any training at all before they went in and asked, 'how can we do this better?'" Slavin said.

On Nov. 12 the 306th MI Bn. was given the mission of standing up the course and had only three weeks to come up with resources, instructors, a curriculum and to begin instruction.

"We really had no expertise in terrorism here so we had to go out to different agencies for subject matter experts for the common core of the class," said Stephen McFarland, ISCT trainer developer/instructor.

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Heroes remembered

2nd Lt. Lisa Owens, center, bows her head in reflection during the fort's memorial ceremony Feb. 5 at Brown Parade field dedicated to the Columbia Space Shuttle astronauts who died Feb. 1. Capt. Michael McCarthy, right, looks on.

Parents, educators are a team easing youths' deployment concerns, fears

BY NELL DRUMHELLER
SCOUT STAFF

It is a delicate balance, the grave responsibility of parenting a young person to adulthood while still making the great sacrifice of defending the future of our world.

Even as you are a steadfast team with your fellow soldiers in the field, you are also not alone when helping your children under-

stand the requirements of your deployment and face the real possibilities of your hazard while deployed.

If your children are of school age, consider the counselors, teachers, principals and administration as your team members in the delicate operation of helping your sons and daughters understand your absence during a deployment.

"Children of a deployed parent often see the school as a safe haven," explained Javier Barron, the school liaison officer for the Fort Huachuca Accommodation School District. "At school there are other children with the same fears or concerns," he added, because many of the classmates are in the same situation.

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Photo by Nell Drumheller

Parents should work with school faculty to ease children's concerns of deployment.

Will you be mine The history of a Valentine

SCOUT REPORTS

Every February we celebrate Valentines Day by giving flowers, candy and cards to those we love. We do this in honor of Saint Valentine. You may be wondering, “Who is St. Valentine?”

Legend has it that Valentine was a priest who served during third century Rome. There was an Emperor at that time by the name of Claudius II. Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those that were married. With this thought in mind he outlawed marriage for young men in hopes of building a stronger military base. Supposedly, Valentine decided this decree just wasn’t fair and chose to marry young couples secretly. When Emperor Claudius II found out about Valentine’s actions he had him put to death.

Another legend has it that Valentine was an imprisoned man who fell in love with his jailor’s daughter. Before he was put to death he sent the first ‘valentine’ himself when he wrote her a letter and signed it ‘Your Valentine’, words still used on cards today.

Perhaps we’ll never know the true identity and story behind the man named St. Valentine, but this

much is for sure...February has been the month to celebrate love for a long time, dating clear back to the Middle Ages. In fact, Valentines ranks second only to Christmas in number of greeting cards sent.

Another valentine gentleman you may be wondering about is Cupid (Latin cupido, “desire”). In Roman mythology Cupid is the son of Venus, goddess of love. His counterpart in Greek mythology is Eros, god of love. Cupid is often said to be a mischievous boy who goes around wounding both gods and humans with his arrows, causing them to fall in love.

The first U.S. made valentines were crafted by a Mount Holyoke College student, Miss Esther Howland. Her father, a stationer in Worcester, Ma. imported valentines every year from England. Esther, however, decided to create her own valentine messages. Around 1830 she began importing lace, fine papers, and other supplies for her valentines. She employed several assistants and her brothers helped market her “Worcester” valentines. As one of our first successful U.S. career women her sales amounted to about a hundred thousand dollars annually—not bad for the 1830’s.

New laws make more soldiers eligible for Earned Income Credit

LEGAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE RELEASE

Every year we can count on two absolutes: paying taxes and changes to the tax code. This year, Congress has changed the way income is figured and the way earned income credit is paid. Among the greatest beneficiaries of the new changes are uniformed members of the armed services.

The Earned Income Credit is a refundable credit available to certain individuals with earned income who meet adjusted gross income levels, and do not have more than a certain amount of investment income. Due to recent changes enacted by Congress, many more military members will now qualify for the EIC in figuring their 2002 tax liability.

In recent years, tax-free income such as basic allowances for housing and subsistence, and pay excluded from income tax

under the combat zone exclusion was included when determining the amount of earned income an individual would be eligible for. Tax-free allowances and income will no longer be included when calculating the earned income credit.

The earned income credit is for taxpayers who do not make a lot of money. Income and family size determine the amount of EIC. Income limits for this year are \$29,201 (\$30,201 if married filing jointly) if you have one qualifying child; 33,178 (34,178 if married filing jointly) if you have more than one qualifying child and \$11,060 (\$12,060 if married filing jointly) if you have no children.

Earned income credits are worth more than deductions because they reduce the amount of income tax dollar for dollar and

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Scout on the Street



I try to eat healthy, especially since I am pregnant. My grandmother has diabetes, so I try to eat right.

Aneesha Avelos,
AAFES employee



I work out, lift weights and run a lot. I try to run in marathons.

Sgt. Bradley Goodner,
USA MEDDAC



I stay away from fat foods, and watch what I eat.

Amanda Deleon,
family member



I cycle quite a bit. I did a 108 mile bike ride earlier this week. Heart disease runs in my family.

Spc Tangelene Hensley,
Company E,
309th Military Battalion



I try to eat the right foods and exercise everyday. I also take high blood pressure medication.

Jim Browning,
family member



I exercise and eat the right food.

Lydia Irvan,
widow



CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) DENNIS R. NTISCHKE
NETCOM, DEPUTY COMMAND CHAPLAIN

“If it wouldn’t be a bother, Pooh, would you mind rescuing me?” - Eeyore

When I was a child I had several heroes, some were movie stars. One in particular was John Wayne. I loved to mimic him. Later, Clint Eastwood took his place. Today one of my favorite “movie stars” is Eeyore, from Winnie the Pooh fame. In fact, I have at least 17 different Eeyore’s in my office - stuffed, puppet, cell phone cover, hanger, towel, coffee cup and other items with Eeyore on them. I even have one particular Eeyore that has traveled with me to Korea, Japan, Phoenix, Texas and other foreign countries. By now you’re probably wondering “What makes Eeyore so great?” Well, I’ll tell you.

To me, Eeyore is “every soldier.” Actually, every person. He represents a soldier facing the world, the Army or the Church in a particular way. Allow me to tell you a story (my version) of what I’m talking about.

Once upon a time, (all good stories start like that...) Eeyore was shuffling along a riverbank when all of a sudden he fell in! He was caught in a slow current at first, but as time passed, the current gained speed — a ways off there was a waterfall and going over the edge would be his death.

As Eeyore was floating, along came Winnie the Pooh who saw his friend and immediately began asking questions. “Hey, Eeyore, how did you get in the river?” “That’s what happens when you fall in the water,” answered Eeyore. “Hey, Eeyore, did you know you’re coat is getting a darker blue?” “It’s the water, you know,” came Eeyore’s answer. Now the water is swifter. “Hey, Eeyore, is it cold in the water?” “Why do think my coat is blue?” came the answer. And the waterfall is coming very close. Finally, after many other questions, Eeyore says “If it wouldn’t be a bother, Pooh, would you mind rescuing me?”

Pooh stops, looks toward the waterfall, picks up a long stick and in a few moments, Eeyore is pulled ashore, wet, but alive.

That, my friends, is why Eeyore represents every soldier (and in a larger sense, every person) to me because while people are “threatened with ‘death’ — going over the falls” because of family problems, health issues, deployments, financial difficulties, spiritual questions, and other matters of the heart and just plain old living...the world, the Army and even the Church, spends so much time asking the wrong questions while the soldier/person is going over the waterfall! And all that is really needed is the question, “How can I help you?”

Eeyore is my hero because he makes me think of doing the right thing every day as I work with soldiers, civilians and my own family. I hope to one day start a church group (don’t know what kind — men’s, youth or whatever) and have Eeyore be the mascot to remind everyone to cut out the “mindless questioning” and come to the bottom line at the start and ask, “How can I help you?” It is a better question coming from you than “If it wouldn’t be a bother...” coming from the Eeyores in your life. Have a great life in your part of the 100 Acre Woods.

Blood donors appreciated

Every drop of blood counts when it comes to saving lives. The Bloodhound award winners for December include: Small Unit: the 36th Army Band, donating one pint, saving four lives; The Medium Unit: Alpha Company, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, donating 47 pints, saving 188 lives and The Large Unit: Delta Company, 309th MI Bn., donating 66 pints, saving 264 lives. The January winners included a tie for the small unit category between the 36th Army Band, and the NCO Academy, each donating one pint, saving four lives; The Medium Unit: Charlie Company, 304th MI Bn, donating 30 pints, saving 120 lives and The Large Unit: Alpha Company, 304th MI Bn, donating four pints, saving 16 lives. The overall winners for last year were in the small unit category: US Marine Detachment, winning four months, donating a total of 17 pints, saving 68 lives; in the medium unit category: Alpha Company, 305th MI Bn, winning five months, donating 118 pints, saving 472 lives and in the large unit category: Delta Company, 309th MI Bn, winning seven months, donating 476 pints, saving 1,904 lives.



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What do you do to keep your heart healthy?

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occurred to them in the last several months or in the period since their last physical examination. It's a quick check to make sure they are ready to go," he said.

The health assessments are done on paper and checked by a physician "to see if there are any changes in service members' health or condition that may require attention before or after they deploy," Kilpatrick said.

Later, the forms are sent to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., where they are scanned electronically and retained for analysis.

The Defense Department has established three deployment health centers, one each for health surveillance, health care and health research.

They focus on the prevention, treatment and understanding of deployment-related health concerns.

The department will improve deployment-related medical record keeping through its Composite Health Care System II and the Theater Medical Information Program, which is still being tested.

Kilpatrick said the two systems will collect immunization data electronically through a centralized data bank, along with computerized medical files currently being gathered on deployed military personnel from all the services in order to document deployment-related health problems.

Still, pre- and post-deployment health assessments and electronic record keeping are only part of the

force protection strategy. Kilpatrick said broader initiatives to protect deployed personnel are expected, and more research is being done.

The plan includes improving health risk communication and medical intelligence; providing environmental risk assessments to commanders on the battlefield; giving medical threat briefings; and distributing pocket-sized health guides to deployed personnel.

Kilpatrick's office also has created deployment-focused Web sites, such as DeploymentLINK.

In addition, the Defense Medical Surveillance System has created a database on diseases military personnel may encounter in deployed areas.

Another plan is to deploy preventive medicine and environmental surveillance teams to forward-deployed areas to evaluate health threats on the battlefield.

Another measure calls for improved biological and chemical warfare detection and alarm systems. And the Pentagon is researching current vaccines and anti-malarial drugs and exploring next-generation vaccines and drugs, he said.

Kilpatrick said the new program shows how seriously DoD regards force health protection.

"We've learned a great deal from deployments over the past 12 years since the Gulf War and we intend to use those lessons to benefit those who serve today," Kilpatrick concluded. "That's what this program is all about."

86th Sig. Bn. Family Readiness Group taking care of deployed soldiers

BY 1ST LT. TRACI J. POWELL
11TH SIG. BDE. PAO

Members of the 86th Signal Battalion Family Readiness Group received more than \$1,200 in donations to go towards "goody bags" for their deploying soldiers.

Spouses of the Family Readiness Group met at the Fort Huachuca Commissary and put together a sample "goody bag" filled with wholesome snacks and treats for the soldiers deploying in support of the war against terrorism.

Sharon Dodd, wife of Lt. Col. David Dodd, 86th Sig. Bn. commander, said that the estimated price per bag was \$3 to \$4.

"The FRG members determined that they would need \$1,200 and a lot of prayers to put bags together for

the entire battalion," Dodd said.

The group did not have enough time to raise the money for their plan so they decided to contact Chaplain (Capt.) Richard Winchester, 86th Sig. Bn.

They asked him for help and he was able to coordinate with two churches from North Carolina that were eager to donate to the cause.

The post chapel donated funds as well as two private donors who wanted to support the FRG.

Once the money was collected, the group members purchased their "goody bag" products from the commissary then met Jan. 30 to put to-



Photo by 1st Lt. Traci J. Powell

Grace Dodd, left, and Leslie Renalli, members of the 86th Signal Battalion Family Readiness Group, take granola bars out of boxes for "goody bags." The bags will be going to deployed soldiers of the unit.

gether 400 bags.

Not all 400 "goody bags" will go out, but the group wanted to ensure that every soldier deploying now or in the future would receive a bag.

Sperm bank deposits are your personal business

AMERICAN FORCES
PRESS SERVICE

Some news media are running stories about men in uniform opening accounts in sperm banks in case they're deployed and come home infertile or worse.

The Defense Department takes no position on cryobank facilities and has no programs or policies encouraging or discouraging their use, said Dr. Michael Kilpatrick of DoD's Deployment

Health Support Directorate.

Further, the department doesn't intrude on individuals' private family planning decisions.

In other words, he said, freeze your sperm for a rainy day if you want.

If you do, though, chalk it up as a personal choice and not to it being necessary because of evidence from the Gulf War.

There isn't any "Gulf War evidence," he added.

Citing just a few statements

from DoD's comprehensive GulfLINK Web site:

- A 1995-98 Department of Veterans Affairs study of 15,000 male Gulf War veterans and 15,000 male nondeployed vets revealed that more Gulf War vets became fathers (2,236) than those who hadn't deployed (1,689).

- Research today shows the rate of birth defects in children of Gulf War veterans is comparable to that of nondeployed vets.



Photo by Ginger Maxey

Rosemary Allen, NETCOM engineer, and Maj. Donald Payne, NETCOM project engineer, "recharge" the aquifer as part of the Groundwater Flow Model demonstration.

NETCOM engineers get simple lesson of water conservation

WATER WISE RELEASE

Engineers at the U.S. Army Network and Enterprise Technology Command/9th Army Signal Command recently got a hands-on opportunity to participate in an interactive simulation of an underground aquifer.

The Groundwater Flow Model, presented by Ginger Maxey, Energy and Water Conservation Educator for Fort Huachuca, demonstrates how groundwater (Fort Huachuca's sole source for water) is stored in the aquifer, the effects of groundwater pumping, and contaminant migration through soil into groundwater

supplies.

Although the group was aware of much of the hydrologic information before seeing the presentation, they were interested in the simulation and thought that it added to their knowledge base.

"I was aware of some of the information ahead of time," Bruce Johnson, mechanical engineer admitted, "but for a normal (non-engineering) audience the presentation would be very informative and help to build an informed citizen base that can make good decisions about the environment."

Mike Repasky, general engineer, NETCOM,

felt that the presentation was worthwhile as "it reinforced a lot of things that I have heard and cleared up some of the misleading information out about water usage, the aquifer, the cone of depression, the river, etc."

The model also impressed Jim Furry, command engineer, NETCOM, adding "The model added significantly to understanding the impact of the local community on the aquifer," Furry said.

The Groundwater Flow Model and other Water Wise Energy Smart presentations are available to all civilian and military organizations on Fort Huachuca. To schedule, call 538-SAVE (7283) or e-mail virginia.maxey@hua.army.mil.

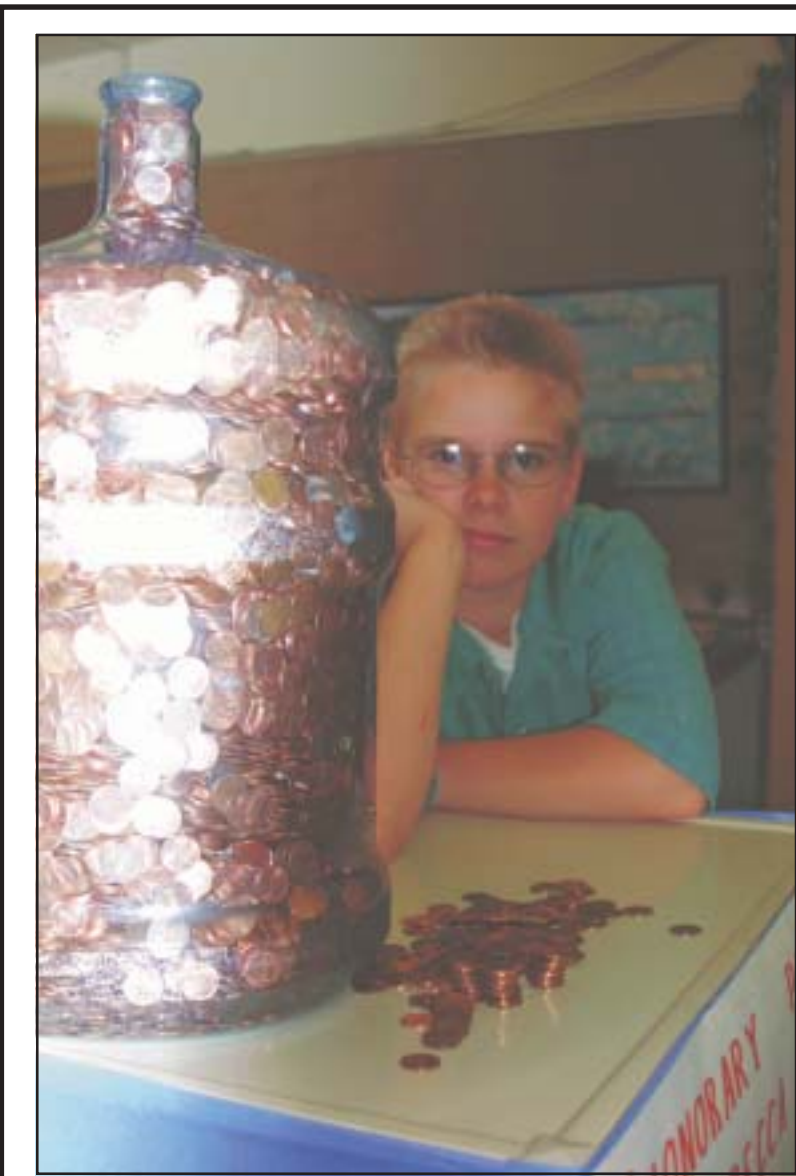


Photo by Nell Drumheller

Pennies for patients

Adam Griffin, a 5th grader at Myer School donated 5,000 pennies to the "Pennies for Patients" drive. The national drive collects pennies in support of patients with leukemia, lymphoma, hodgkin's disease and myeloma. Griffin is the son of John and Lorrie Griffin, both Army retirees. The penny collection continues through Feb. 28. For more information on the drive and how you can help, call Dianna Beatty at 452-4098.

BY NELL DRUMHELLER
SCOUT STAFF

It may be an old cliché, but in the case of Sgt. 1st Class Shane Wentz, the third time is the charm.

The Fort Huachuca soldier specializes in helping other soldiers understand what the Army means to their future as a career counselor for the 11th Signal Brigade.

On Jan. 23 he was in Washington, D.C. sweating it out for ten minutes before a three-person board who ultimately named him as the Secretary of the Army Career Counselor of the Year.

"I didn't think I'd done my best," the 11-year veteran explained. "I had studied and rehearsed what I thought I should say," he continued, admitting that when he was before the board he didn't express himself as he had hoped.

"I guess they liked the fact I didn't sound rehearsed," he added with a small smile.

This is the third year Wentz was recognized as the brigade level career counselor.

This year he was recommended by his brigade sergeant major and commander, competed in two boards, the U.S. Army Network Enterprise and Technology Command, and the Secretary of the Army.

To qualify to meet the NETCOM board his package, including letters of recommendation, a photo and his Enlisted Records Brief was reviewed along with those of nearly 30 other career counselors.

He, along with two others competed in the board in person in the end of October. At the Army level he was one of 17 who met the board vying for the best of the best.

What makes a soldier rise to the top and be recognized at brigade level or as high as the Secretary of the Army level? "I remember I'm a soldier first." It's as simple as that, according to Wentz.

Wentz is excited about being a soldier, which is obvious in his demeanor and how he pursues his career. "I don't like sitting in my office waiting for the soldier to come to me. I get out to where the soldiers are."

Trends in Army retention are often changing; currently the challenge for career counselors is to help the best soldiers understand why they should remain in uniform, even when bonuses are not plentiful, according to Wentz.

"We've had to curb re-enlistments to meet our congressionally mandated end strength," he explained.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Sgt. 1st Class Shane Wentz, 11th Signal Brigade career counselor, was recognized by the Secretary of the Army as the Career Counselor of the Year.

"I don't like sitting in my office waiting for the soldier to come to me. I get out to where the soldiers are."

Sgt. 1st Class Shane Wentz, 11th Signal Brigade career counselor

That means helping some soldiers understand why they aren't invited to re-enlist while encouraging others to stick it out and remain loyal.

Looking forward to the rest of his Army career, Wentz crosses his fingers and hopes he'll have the chance to teach at Fort Jackson.

"I want to learn as much as possible and pass along what I've learned to other soldiers."

To improve himself as a human and a soldier, Wentz believes in continuing education.

He recently received a Bachelor of Science in Management and is now working on his Master of Business Administration.

"I want to be as well-rounded as possible. When it is time for me to leave the uniform behind I want to be prepared for the next part of my life," he said.

In the mean time, Wentz dedicates his time to helping his fellow servicemembers meet that same goal.

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Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Emmitt, the Buffalo Soldier statue outside the Main Gate, commemorates the service of the African American soldiers who served in the U.S. Army during the western expansion.

Buffalo Soldiers’ legacy lives on

SCOUT REPORTS

The legacy of the Buffalo Soldier has been immortalized in film, literature and art. At one time the soldier with brown skin and curly hair was ignored in history books, but throughout Western America, the Buffalo Soldiers are recognized for their role in protecting our Nation’s expansion.

Who were they?

After the Civil War, Congress passed a bill to establish a peacetime military. Provisions in this bill created six regiments of colored troops—four infantry (foot soldiers) and two cavalry (on horseback)—of about 1,000 men each.

The troops were placed under the command of Colonels Benjamin Grierson and Edward Hatch. African Americans from the North and South, many of them freed slaves, enlisted in what were organized as the 9th and 10th Cavalries.

The Buffalo Soldiers served at Wounded Knee and with Teddy Roosevelt in Cuba, battled Crazy Horse, helped capture Geronimo and Billy the Kid and strung telegraph lines across the West.

The Name

Although there are several theories, the Calvaries actually got their name from their enemies, the American Indians, who admired the colored troopers’ fearlessness and courage (qualities also found in the buffalo).

The Native Americans also believed that the Soldiers’ hair resembled the tuft between the horns of the bison. Thus, the name Buffalo Soldiers stuck, and the Soldiers wore it with pride.

Their Mission

The primary assignment of the Buffalo Soldiers was the suppression of Native American tribes who interfered with the

settlement of the Americans on the frontier.

Like white units, they were called into service to “carry out U.S. Government public policy of Westward expansion,” as well as escort tribes to designated reservations.

The Soldiers built and defended the telegraph lines, built and repaired forts and helped establish the foundation of future towns. They were also involved in the settling of disputes between railroads and unions as well as those between the white settlers. In the Westward expansion, the Buffalo Soldiers mapped the vast territories in New Mexico and Arizona, marking the water holes.

Resistance to the Buffalo Soldiers

The Buffalo Soldiers proved themselves courageous sentries, protecting their country’s Westward movement against the Indians. But while they were battling the resistance from Native Americans on one front, they had to face an even more virulent force on the other: racism.

Below are some examples of insults and assaults the Buffalo Soldiers had to suffer from their own countrymen:

“You should see this post! It is, everyone says, the most thoroughly run-down and utterly uncared-for and shiftless place they ever saw. The one darkey bugler sounds every call on the board....” —Elizabeth Bacon Custer [*General Custer in Kansas and Texas*, 1889, pg. 536-537]

“The only thing they care for is someone to look after them. They never think for themselves.” —Captain T.A. Baldwin of the Tenth Cavalry [*Men in Marching*, Frank P. Langallier]

“I wish to express my thought that the people of my country are able to maintain themselves, and do not need to be maintained by an inferior race.... Soldiers...must belong to the ruling forces, and should not belong to the inferior forces...” —A congressman debating Bill #138 establishing the Buffalo Soldiers [The Congressional Record, 1866]

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OFFICE

Black History month is a perfect time to learn about African American History and the African American experience.

This month celebrate the beauty, talent and intellect of Black Americans, past and present, by learning more about their achievements and the Black American experience.

There are a myriad of ways to learn more: read a book, watch a film/documentary or surf the web. The websites below are great starting points:

- <http://search.eb.com/blackhistory/>
- http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/BHM/bh_hotlist.html
- <http://www.brightmoments.com/blackhistory/>
- <http://afroamhistory.about.com/>
- <http://www.princeton.edu/~mcbrown/display/faces.html>
- <http://www.keele.ac.uk/depts/as/Literature/amlit.black.html>

If you prefer more active learning experiences, celebrate Black History Month by attending one of the exciting activities taking place on Fort Huachuca and in the surrounding community.

Saturday - “A Celebration of the Black West” will be held at the Sierra Vista Riding Club from 10 a.m -5 p.m. Admission is free. There will be historic displays, vendors, stunt riding, roping and shoot exhibits, and free horseback and buggy rides for kids.

Feb. 21 - Fort Huachuca’s Black History Month Celebration at La Hacienda. Our guest speaker will be Tureeda Mikell, African American poet, storyteller, word

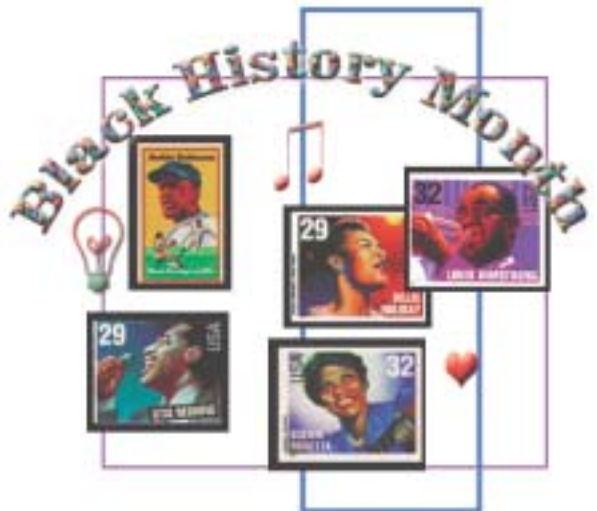


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historian and writer. There will also be cultural exhibits and food sampling. Cost is \$5. Contact the Military Equal Opportunity Office at 533-1717/5305/3696 for tickets.

Feb. 22 - A Black Expo will be held at the Ethel Berger Center, 10 a.m. -4 p.m. The event features: entertainment, vendors, a book signing by Mpingo Marilyn Griffin. Charles and Wilma Moses, Ghanaian Royalty, will be the keynote speakers. Free admission.

Feb. 22 - At 7 p.m., Capoeira Malandragem will give a 90-minute performance of Afro-Brazilian Martial Art-a sport that combines dance and acrobatics accompanied by traditional instruments and songs. Cost is \$5.

Feb. 23 - A Black Film Festival will be held at the Ethel Berger Center, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Come explore the genre: Black Westerns, Blaxploitation, and African culture and tradition. Cost is a \$2 donation. Children under 12 are free.

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veloper/instructor.

McFarland mentioned the school sought what he called the ‘alphabet soup’ of agencies for subject matter experts to come in and teach classes.

He also was able to have Middle East experts from the University of Arizona come in to teach.

When developing the course, McFarland knew there were some pivotal classes that needed to be taught on the platform so the soldiers heading to Guantanamo would have a better understanding of the detainees.

“Most of these soldiers are Christians and know nothing about the Muslim religion,” McFarland said. “And they know nothing about terrorism and why a person turns into a terrorist. That’s why we brought in the professor of Muslim studies. His job was to show the other position and explain why do they do this. It really got these soldiers thinking.”

Slavin and McFarland both agreed one of the most crucial keys to making the course successful was to have instructors who’d been on the ground and had an understanding of the situation at Guantanamo.

For that reason, Sgt. 1st Class Rodger Guin, Joint Interrogation Group Operation, noncommissioned officer in charge, Guantanamo, was brought on board as a subject matter expert.

He was deployed to Guantanamo last August for six months and worked in operations and collecting management. Through working in operations, Guin said he was able to grasp the overall picture of the mission.

“We’re working with new doctrine everyday,” Guin said. “We’re basically writing our own doctrine on how to do this type of business. A lot of the things we do have never been done before and we’re discovering new and better ways to improve the instruction here at the school house for the soldiers who are eventually going to go out and fight this global

war on terrorism.”

With so much information being taught in short span, the focus is to get the soldiers ready to go so when they hit Guantanamo, the learning curve is dramatically decreased. Slavin pointed out two main goals needed to accomplish the mission and keep the learning curve down.

“First, they have to work as teams,” Slavin said. “The analysts must support the interrogators. Normally the analysts support the commander, but now they’re supporting an interrogator so he can go off and ask the right questions.”

He added intel soldiers have done this type of teamwork approach before, but it’s specific for Guantanamo because it needed reinforced.

“Secondly, for all the analytical work that has to be done, it takes an analyst with a different mindset to go after and find different data,” he said. “And for the interrogator, different kinds of approaches are needed for these folks.”

As far the future of the ISCT, Slavin said the course will be more global oriented because, “the threat is not just in Afghanistan, it’s also in the Philippines and the Middle East.”

Also, many of the training in the ISCT will be incorporated in the Warrant Officer Course, Officer Basic Course and other military intelligence specialty courses. The next ISCT is scheduled for July and will be five weeks long.

McFarland mentioned the course has had it’s expected challenges, but so far it is meeting is core objectives of preparing the soldiers for their mission at Guantanamo.

“The course is doing what it’s designed to do, but we can better it and will better it,” he said. “We’ve attempted to make the course modular and as the world situation and doctrine changes, we’ll just pull out one module and plug in another for a different terrorist group. We made it that way so we can quickly change over.”

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“The most influential factor affecting children is the remaining parent’s attitude about the separation. If the remaining parent maintains a positive attitude and models effective coping skills, the child will most likely do the same.”

However, each situation is unique. “Sometimes issues manifest at school instead of at home,” he continued. It is important that parents and teachers keep an open communication line. “If a child is showing signs at home that he or she is having problems, the parent should notify the teacher.”

And vice a versa, if the child’s attitude or behavior indicates a problem while at school, the teacher should keep the parent up to speed.

“Each family has its own safety net,” he said.

When a parent deploys, the remaining caregiver has to make the decisions that best meet their family’s needs.

Sometimes the family members don’t choose to stay and their spouse’s duty station, they prefer to return to the support and comfort of

their extended family and the ancestral home.

Others prefer to stay and finish out the school year before moving and still others don’t leave at all.

“Each family has their own needs. They have individual coping skills on care giving,” he added. His office works closely with area schools to help the educators and counselors stay abreast of issues related to families involved in deployments.

At the schools, with the deployment factor a frequent issue, the caregivers are aware and sensitive to the symptoms which indicate a possible problem.

To help support the school; “If you are deploying please remember to update all of your family contact information with your school,” Barron asked.

Dianna Beatty is a counselor at Meyer Elementary School. She might be considered a resident expert on children and the issues they face during a deployment.

She has been working in this field on Fort Huachuca since prior to

Desert Storm.

“During Desert Storm I sort of made it up as I went along,” she suggested modestly of her dealings with the children on the installation. “We hadn’t been through anything like that before. It’s common sense stuff. We answer questions of the kids, and have a lot of activities to keep the children involved,” she said.

The many deployments and the current international concerns affect all of the children and Beatty recognizes the need to not focus only on children whose parents are in the Persian Gulf region.

“We are making a booklet for family members involved in deployment,” she said. “We have an emergency plan of action for the school. We have practiced lock downs and will continue to do so.”

Beatty stressed the importance of personal communication.

“Talk to your children. Sit down and talk, they need to know where you are going and why. Tell them in simple terms. They don’t need to know the nitty-gritty. Let the kids ask

questions if they want more details.”

On the other hand, Beatty discourages young people’s access to the media.

“Please limit the amount of television they watch. If they do watch television, talk to them about what they see.”

She asked that parents let her know of changes in behavior their children might exhibit and again she recommends communication.

“There’s something about meeting in a group and listening to others or just talking that seems to help.”

She said that works for adults as well as the young ones.

“If a parent calls in after recognizing problems and needs to talk I’ll set time aside and meet with them. I’ll meet with them as many times as is needed,” she added.

And if it is necessary she says, “Parents need to know there will be support groups at each school. The groups will be for all of the children, as many as are needed, not just those who have parent’s who have deployed.”

Normal emotional reactions

Children of a deployed parent often worry about many things and may exhibit these concerns:

- Worry about family and finances
- Fear that the separation is permanent
- Feelings of abandonment
- Complaints about stomachaches, headaches, fatigue and other illnesses
- Increased irritability, crabbiness or moodiness
- Eating or sleeping difficulties
- Swings from very responsible to very irresponsible
- Increased acts of aggression toward people and things
- School problems, such as drop in grades, unwillingness to attend school, or odd complaints about school.

Army Family Team Building classes and information at Murr Community Center, 533-3686 or 533-2330

Attache duty- challenging career path for exceptional soldiers

Does a demanding diplomatic duty assignment in a U.S. embassy interet you? If so, you may want to consider a tour of duty as an Army Attache Noncommissioned Officer in the Defense Attache System.

Army Attache NCOs serve around the world in United States embassies providing staff support within a Defense Attache Office. The DAO represents the Department of Defense to the host-nation government and military, assists and advises the U.S. Ambassador on military matters, and coordinates other political-military actions within their area of accreditation.

The duties and functions vary slightly depending on location assigned, but are primarily administrative in nature, performing many of the functions normally associated with a battalion, brigade, or division staff section. Army Attache NCOs may also be called upon to perform other functions, such as coordinating congressional or presidential visits, supporting U.S. Navy ship visits, or even presenting briefings and information to senior host-nation officials in the absence of the military attaches. The changing situations and varied nature of the responsibilities provide for a challenging and enjoyable tour of duty for most soldiers.

Applications are accepted on a continuing basis from well qualified soldiers for this highly selective nominative joint-duty assignment.

Here are the steps you need to take if you would like to

pursue this career option:

1. Review the required qualification and application procedures as detailed Army Regulation 611-60 (Aug 01). The regulation can be found at www.usapa.army.mil. You can also obtain an information packet that contains the regulation, checklists for application, as well as sample forms and other information by sending an e-mail request for the packet to the Attache NCO recruiter/career manager, SFC Jeff Williams: jeff.williams@us.army.mil.
2. The requirements for security clearance eligibility and no non-U.S. Citizen family members are not waiverable. If you do not meet one of the other listed requirements, you are still welcome to submit an application, although you will not be as competitive for an assignment as other soldiers. Soldiers with high DLAB or DLPT score, already hold a TS/SCI clearance, or have successfully completed assignments such as Drill Sergeant or Recruiter have a higher selection probability.
3. Submit the application packet as directed in the regulation to PERSCOM. If you do not already hold the PMOS of 71L, it will first go to your branch manager for a release. With certain exceptions, soldiers selected for Attache Duty will be reclassified to PMOS 71L with the ASI E4 upon completion of the Attache Staff Operations Course.
4. Packets with approved branch releases are boarded each month, with the most qualified soldiers being placed on a standing list and nominated for assignments as they become avail-

able. Those not selected will continue to be reviewed for a total of six consecutive months, at which point the packet will be returned to the soldier.

5. Soldiers must be willing to accept worldwide assignment at the needs of the Defense Attache System. Assignments are made based on soldier qualifications and experience, language capability, DEROS or other availability dates, and other factors. There are currently over 100 NCOs serving in over 90 different locations.

6. Upon successful completion of the initial attache tour, soldiers are welcome to apply for continued attache duty, or if otherwise qualified, may also submit an application to become a warrant officer as a 350L Attache Technician.

If you are not currently interested or qualified, but know a soldier who is. Please pass this information along. For further information call Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Williams using the contact information listed.

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Test to open stateside Space-A air travel to military families

AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

A one-year test starting April 1 will permit space-available air travel within the continental United States by family members who accompany their military sponsors.

Defense transportation officials said dependents of active-duty members and military retirees will be eligible. Their travel priority during the test will be the same as their sponsor's. The test ends March 31, 2004.

Current regulations allow dependents to travel space-A with sponsors to, from and between overseas points, but prohibit their travel point-to-point within the continental United States. Active duty and retired military members already have space-A privileges stateside and overseas.

To register for space-A travel, active-duty sponsors must be on leave or a pass and remain in that status while awaiting travel and

through the entire travel period. Retirees may sign up 60 days in advance but not before the test begins April 1.

Generally, space-A is the seats left on military aircraft after official duty travelers and cargo are accommodated. Space-A travelers are assigned various seating categories; for instance, active duty members on emergency travel receive a higher priority than leisure travelers. The Air Force's system is the best-known, but all the services offer space-A using their own rules and policies.

For more information on the space-A privilege, its rules, registration process, travel procedures, tips, and dozens of frequently asked questions, visit the Air Force Air Mobility Command space-A Web site at amcpublic.scott.af.mil/Spacea/spacea.htm.

(Adapted from a news release from the Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.)

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the government pays the taxpayer any credit remaining after a taxpayer's liability fall to zero.

The taxpayer can calculate their credit by using a special worksheet included as part of the EITC instructions in the 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ tax packages.

Another change available to certain taxpayers this year was the Earned Income Credit advanced payments. In order to qualify for advance EITC payments, the employee must file a Form W-5, Earned Income Credit Advance Payment Certificate, with an employer.

The employer then pays part of the credit to the employee in advance payments. The taxpayer claims the rest when filing their federal tax return.

Any taxpayer wanting to apply for the advance EITC payments for next year should contact their finance office to re-

ceive and process the appropriate paperwork.

There are many other minor changes in the Federal Tax Code this year. Your Fort Huachuca Tax Center has been trained not only to process you returns expeditiously, but also to assist you in receiving the maximum tax return.

The Fort Huachuca Tax Center is now available Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Tax Center can file taxes electronically and answer tax questions for all eligible active duty soldiers, dependents and retirees.

To avoid any complications with electronic returns the last day to e-file is April 7 although the Tax Center will be open to do hard copies until April 15.

The Tax Center is located in De Rosy Cabell Hall, Building 22324 on Christy Avenue. Call us at 533-1314.